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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 52, 79, 99, 117, 196, 202, 206 and 210. Please amend claims 2-4, 129, 132, 138, 215, 217 and 221 as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (withdrawn) A method of inhibiting an LPS-dependent inflammatory processes in a patient infected with a bacterium comprising administering to said patient an amount of recombinant human uteroglobin sufficient to inhibit said inflammatory processes.

Claim 2. (withdrawn) The method of claim 84 1 wherein said patient is diagnosed with septic shock.

Claim 3. (withdrawn) The method of claim 84 1 wherein said patient is diagnosed with pneumonia.

Claim 4. (withdrawn) The method of claim 84 1 wherein said patient is diagnosed with a condition selected from the group consisting of: peritonitis, colitis, inflammatory bowel disease, pancreatitis, nephritis, vasculitis, hepatitis, sinusitis, cystitis, periodontal disease, and myocarditis.

Claim 5. (withdrawn) The method of claim 84 1 wherein said patient is diagnosed with asthma.

Claim 6. (original) A composition comprising recombinant human uteroglobin in an amount sufficient to inhibit LPS-dependent inflammatory processes in a patient, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

Claim 7. (previously presented) The composition of claim 6 wherein said amount of recombinant human uteroglobin is 10 ng/kg - 25 mg/kg of body mass.